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"SMART PAVEMENT"

## Tech to be tested on pass

**By John Aguilar**
*The Denver Post*

When a Highlands Ranch woman suddenly veered off U.S. 285, down an embankment and into an aspen grove on the side of Red Hill Pass, she was found five days later suspended upside-down in her car with her feet crushed and her ribs broken — barely clinging to life.

Could a highway capable of detecting when a vehicle abruptly leaves the roadway have been able to summon help for Kristin Hopkins within minutes of her violent and undetected 140-foot roll off the pass in Park County four years ago?

Tim Sylvester, the CEO and president of Kansas City, Mo.-based Integrated Roadways, thinks his startup company's "smart pavement" — bristling with sensors and the latest fiber-optic and wireless technology — could be a lifesaver in mishaps such as the one Hopkins survived.

The company is teaming up with the Colorado Department of Transportation to test a half-mile of smart pavement later this year — at the very site where Hopkins' car plunged over the side of the road in April 2014. It would be the

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IMMIGRATION DEBATE

# Charges, falsehoods rile political tensions

**In this photo from June 18, 2014, two female detainees sleep in a holding cell as immigrant children are separated by age and gender at a federal center in Arizona. Liberal activists and some media outlets tried to blame President Donald Trump for such conditions by tweeting this photo and others that were actually taken during the Obama administration.** *Associated Press file*

**By Jill Colvin** *The Associated Press*

**WASHINGTON» President Donald Trump and Democratic critics traded outraged, sometimes plainly false accusations about immigration Tuesday as the debate over "lost" children and the practice of separating families caught crossing the border illegally reached a new boiling point.**

False charges flew on both sides. The White House wrongly blamed Democrats for forcing his administration to separate children from parents. Liberal activists and others, including some from media outlets, tried to highlight the issue by tweeting photos of young people in steel cages that actually were taken during the Obama administration. Others seized on reports the government had "lost" more than 1,000 children, though that wasn't quite the case.

It all comes just in time for the midterm elections as Republicans and Democrats

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**President Donald Trump, pictured Monday, on Tuesday seized on an error by liberal activists who tweeted the 2014 photos.** *Evan Vucci, The Associated Press*

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### STARBUCKS CLOSES 8,000 STORES FOR ANTI-BIAS TRAINING

Starbucks temporarily closes stores early Tuesday across U.S., including in Denver, as part of the coffee chain's anti-bias training, created after the arrest of two black men in a Philadelphia store six weeks ago. »12A

### "ROSEANNE" GETS CANCELED AFTER RACIST TWEET

ABC cancels its smash-hit reboot of "Roseanne" after a racist tweet by the show's star, Roseanne Barr, who also was dumped by her talent agency, ICM Partners. »15A

AFRICAN QUEEN SCULPTURE

## A noose or not? Rope stirs hard feelings in Evergreen

**By Noelle Phillips**
*The Denver Post*

EVERGREEN» A rope tied around the neck of a sculpture of a female figure titled African Queen has stirred hard feelings in this mountain town after a picture of the vandalism was posted on social media and reported to the sheriff.

Angie Mays, a white Evergreen resident, saw the vandalized sculpture on May 11 while showing a friend, who is black, around town. The two had eaten lunch and were strolling around the Bergen Village Shopping Center where the metal sculpture sits in the middle of an open-air seating area that overlooks Bergen Parkway and the rolling green hills that surround the town.

Mays said she and her friend stared in anguished silence at the sculpture. For them, the rope symbolized the lynching of a black person, a disgraceful piece of America's history.

"If you're looking at a person of color respond to a piece of art work that is a person of color being hanged, it is anything but a joke," Mays said. "It was humiliating because I was showing off my community to her and this is what we stumbled upon. I looked at my friend's face and

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